

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method for managing member enrollment in a collaborative computing community, the method comprising:

identifying one or more end user persons for enrollment in the collaborative computing community;

implementing an enrollment model to determine whether to enroll the one or more identified end user persons as members in the community; and

updating community membership to enroll the one or more end user persons based on the implemented enrollment model.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein implementing an enrollment model includes designating one or more community members as administrators with the authority to grant enrollment to the one or more end user persons.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further including providing the one or more community members with the ability to remove a community member from the community.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein implementing an enrollment model to determine whether to enroll the one or more identified end user persons as members in the community includes:

identifying one or more criteria for defining a role in the collaborative computing community;

obtaining role profiles for each of the end user persons; and
determining if one or more role profiles match the one or more criteria.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the one or more criteria for defining a role in the collaborative computing community includes payment of a predetermined fee.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein implementing an enrollment model includes providing one or more of the end user persons with the ability to grant enrollment to themselves.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6 further including providing the one or more end user persons with the ability to remove themselves from the community.
8. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein implementing an enrollment model includes designating one or more community members as a sponsor member having privileges, the sponsor member granted a further privilege of sponsoring one or more of the end user persons for community membership as a sponsored member, wherein the sponsored member is granted enrollment in the community with privileges equal or less than the privileges of the sponsor member.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 ~~claim 9~~, wherein the sponsored member is enrolled as a community member if voted into the community.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the sponsored member is enrolled as a community member after the passage of a predetermined amount of time.

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